

MEMORANDUM



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TO: ALS Provider Agencies
Base Hospital ED Medical Directors, Nurse Managers, PLNs

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SUBJECT: PATIENTS ALLERGIC TO PEANUTS AND THE USE OF ATROVENT

There have been several questions relating to managing patients allergic to peanuts and/or soybeans that are in respiratory distress and need a nebulized breathing treatment. Since Albuterol and Atrovent are combined in the breathing treatment the concern has been whether or not Albuterol can be given by itself in case of an allergy.

In the event of a peanut or soybean allergy it is permissible to give a breathing treatment with Albuterol alone without base hospital contact. Documentation of the allergy is required. If there are any questions about medications during a run, medics are advised to make base hospital contact.

Please address your comments, concerns or questions to Sherri Shimshy at 909-388-5816 or SShimshy@cao.sbcounty.gov.

Thank you.

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cc: Virginia Hastings, ICEMA Executive Director